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PRESIDENT HARDING WANTS ACTION

President Harding will not wait for a congressional investigation of the railway crisis. After the question had been discussed Tuesday by the cabinet he announced his purpose to call into consideration the chairman of the interstate commerce commission and the railway labor board, and to follow that with conferences with railway managers and representatives of the railway employees.

That is going at the problem in the better way. Valuable time will be saved, and there is no time to waste. The official reports to the interstate commerce commission show that conditions are passing from bad to worse. November and December brought discouraging returns, and the January figures are still more alarming. More than 200 roads, covering substantially all the steam systems in the country, fell \$1,167,800 short. In the aggregate, of earning operating expenses and taxes. That is to say, the dwindling profits earned by some of the roads were more than offset by the positive losses of the others. One hundred and nine lines failed to earn operating expenses and taxes. More than half of the railroads of this country are therefore on the way to bankruptcy.

An administrative investigation will carry greater weight with the country than a congressional probe. Congress has overdone the investigation act. The public long ago gave up the impossible task of trying to follow the many inquiries set on foot by congressional resolution. These almost invariably are long drawn out and are clouded by partisan bias and differences. An executive investigation can move more quickly, and since it is apparent that the president earnestly wants all the facts, his conclusions will carry weight with the public.

The interstate commerce commission has the facts. It has long been in continuous and close touch with the roads and their problems and its members must even now have pretty well-defined convictions regarding what is wrong and what is best to do. So also of the railway labor board.

After the president has drawn counsel from these great bodies he will seek the views of the railway employees and the railway managers. With vigorous procedure that can all be covered in a few days, in time for the administration to submit its findings to the country when congress convenes early in April.

President Harding wants action and action is what the country desires. We have been drifting around too long on a sea of inaction.—Spokesman-Review.

SAFETY ON THE HIGHWAY

Ordinarily the auto driver who is pinched places all of the blame on the speed cop and this has been true of many who have been arrested for a violation of the traffic laws in this county. From its observation, the Mist is inclined to think that the speeders who have been arrested by Motor Cycle Officer Abbott, should have been arrested. We believe him to be a cool-headed man who will attend to his duty as a highway patrolman. The highways were built for traffic and not for race tracks, and as Sheriff Wellington expresses it "it wouldn't be so bad for a reckless driver to break his own neck, but before he does, he might injure someone else."

The numerous recent accidents on the highway should be evidence enough that care should be used by auto drivers. With summer coming on and the consequent increase in motor vehicle traffic on a highway entirely too narrow, there will be numerous accidents and possibly deaths unless the reckless auto driver is checked. The Mist stands squarely behind Sheriff Wellington and Speed Cop Abbott in their efforts to make the highway safe for sane drivers.

SHUT OFF THE WHISTLE

The chief trouble with most of us in this country is that we are sitting around waiting for prosperity to "begin."

Samuel M. Yawelaim, Pres. of the Baldwin Locomotive Co., says: "I am afraid of the establishment of the debating society as a business institution. Too much advising results in finding the various ways that things cannot be done."

Collier's says: "Prosperity will not be started by salesmen on the road who lose their own nerve, to silly rumor, and travel on through the country leaving behind them a wake of gloom, depression and lost confidence."

"National prosperity is but the sum total of a lot of little individual prosperities. As individuals we have weathered deflation without one of our old-time American panics. But we have not yet realized, as individuals, that we will have to think prosperity and work for prosperity if we want prosperity."

If we want prosperity we cannot be like Abraham Lincoln's "little trifling steamboat that used to go

puffing about on the Sangamon River, with a seven-foot whistle on a five-foot boiler, so that every time the whistle blew, the boat stopped."

THE JAPANESE QUESTION LOCALLY

The Mist heartily approves of the stand Columbia Post, The American Legion has taken on the question of bringing the little yellow men or boys into the community and furnishing them with employment. We are reliably informed that three of these boys are now employed here and at least one young couple are on the "lookout for a good Jap boy" for household work. It is possible, and not entirely improbable, that these four boys have friends and wishing the company of their own race, will be on the lookout for jobs for other "boys" and in lines not confined to housekeeping or looking after children.

The Mist is of the opinion that the council acted wisely in making the Jaloff bus license rate \$300 per year instead of \$500, as was suggested. Often we are prone to charge all the "traffic will stand" and we lose sight of the fact that an investor is entitled to legitimate return on his investment. Taxation and forms of taxation which are called license fees, are becoming burdensome and if we do not put on the brakes, we are likely to soon face a situation, the prospect of which is now alarming.

One way for the railroad companies to put the competing jitney lines out of business, is to reduce the freight and passenger fares so that people can afford to travel and to have freight shipped.

The Japanese question can be settled if it is left to the American Legion and moreover it is very likely they will have a say. Columbia Post 42 has spoken in no uncertain terms.

Every city wants nice streets and pretty parks, but they never get nice enough or pretty enough so that they are proper places for young people to spend their evenings.

Good roads advocates say that highways that are well paved draw trade—which may account for the heavy traffic on the road paved with good intentions.

The resuming of work at the Milton Creek Logging company's camp is another bit of cheering information which should give the pessimist another pain.

Bear in mind that we are going to have a real Clean Up Day. Let's make the town attractive.

Old Boreas was a little late with his April Fool joke, but he played it on us just the same.

THE BEYOND

When James M. Pierce, civil war veteran and well known as the owner and editor of the Iowa Homestead and several other progressive farm magazines, passed away recently, the following poem was found carefully preserved among his personal papers:

It seemeth such a little way to me Across to that strange country—the Beyond;

And yet not strange, for it has grown to be The home of those of whom I am so fond;

They make it seem familiar and most dear, As journeying friends bring distant regions near.

I can not make it seem a day to dread, When from this dear earth I shall journey out

To that still dearer country of the dead, And join the lost ones so long dreamed about;

I love this world, yet shall I love to go And meet the friends that wait for me, I know.

I never stand above a bier and see The seal of death set on some well-loved face,

But what I think "One more to welcome me Between this land and that one over there—"

One more to make the strange Beyond seem fair."

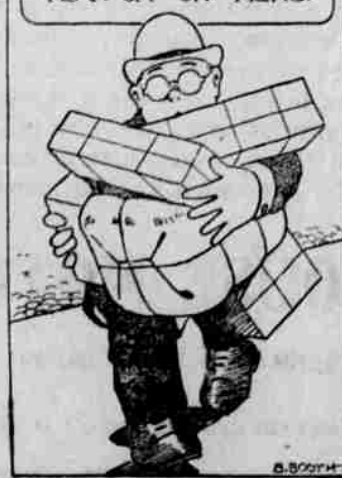
And so for me there is no sting to death, And so the grave has lost its victory;

It is but crossing—with a bated breath And white, set face—a little strip of sea,

To find the loved ones waiting on the shore, More beautiful, more precious than before.

Uncle John's Josh

ON MY BIRTHDAY I
TAKE A DAY OFF BUT
THE MISSUS TAKES A
YEAR OFF ON MINE.



PUBLIC FORUM

NATURALIZATION OF THE ALIEN

To the Editor of the Mist:
There is no question before the public which is of more interest at the present time than that of the naturalization of the alien. As one who became a citizen through that route, a few ideas I have formed may be of interest to your readers.

In the first place, no one should be coerced, forced, bribed or driven to become a citizen. No one does not desire it from the love of this country and her institutions, far better that they should never become a citizen. When an emigrant arrives on these shores it is natural for him for a time to compare conditions he finds here to those he left to a disadvantage to this country. It takes years for any one to admit that the country of his birth is wrong, and to be able to consider any question of difference impartially.

Upon his arrival here the emigrant should be directed to where his services are most needed, and every effort be made to prevent emigrants settling in national colonies. And especial care be taken that they be not used (as in the past) by large corporations to reduce the standard of American wages and living conditions. He should also be compelled to join and pay equal dues in whatever labor union is protecting the conditions of the industry wherein he is employed, but on no condition to have a voice or vote in anything until he has qualified as a citizen. A vote in a labor union has a more direct bearing on the welfare of the nation than a vote for congressmen, hence no one should be allowed a vote on anything until fully qualified as a citizen and can do so intelligently. The chief objection to labor unions is that in many instances they are dominated by a few aliens, whose knowledge of American ideas enable them to control the votes of their countrymen and thereby often destroy the industries of a whole community.

Any alien convicted of a crime should be immediately returned to the country of his birth at his own expense or the country's from which he came, instead of this country being at the expense of his support in prison or deportation. At present many of them deliberately plan from the start to live by evading the law.

No child of alien parentage should be allowed to attend any school but a public school until they pass the eighth grade, and up to that age should not be allowed to acquire any but the English language. This country cannot prosper if it is to stay in the ninth position in education in comparison with other countries. There are plenty of the best people of foreign countries who wish to leave their native land and come to the United States, but for this nation's comfort and safety the criminal and degenerate must be kept out. JOHN PHILIP.

A Tennessee man and woman have lived together twenty years and during that time have spoken to each other only twice. Apparently there are yet a few happy marriages.

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There was a man who advertised But once—a single time. In print obscure placed he his ad. And paid for it a dime. And just because it didn't bring Him customers by the score "All advertising is a fake," He said, or rather, swore. He seemed to think one ham-mer top! Would drive a nail clear in: That from a bit of tiny thread A weaver tents could spin. If he this reasoning bright applied To ending, doubtless he Would claim one little bite would feed Ten men a century. Some day, though, he will learn that to Make advertising pay, He'll have to add ads to his ad. And advertise each day. —E. G. Townsend, in National Advertiser.

WHY SOME TOWNS STAND STILL

The citizens of a town make or ruin its prosperity. A town is not like old Uncle Tom's Topsy. It won't "lie grow." It has to be cared for like a hot house plant. It pushes its good points, and sets forth its location and adaptiveness for whatever purpose it is best suited. Weeds spring up unseen and flourish unattended, but a field of corn must be cultivated. So it is with villages, towns and cities. Someone must work to pull the community out of the slough of lifelessness. The live towns are alive because its citizens are alive. The more pep they put into their jobs, the better for the place. Three or four good workers can raise a town from the dead. In the last fifteen years cross-road settlements have become flourishing villages, marlhead villages have grown into the city class. Regardless of natural advantages, somebody hustled to bring about the growth in each instance.

And did these hustlers have the cheerful assistance of their neighbors? Nay, nay, Brother. The neighbors stood around and kidded and knocked. There was never a leader from the time of Noah down to the present who did not have to hear the scoffs and scorns and taunts of the ingrates he was trying to help. The town hustlers who are up and doing get no encouragement from the members of the hot stove club. That is why some towns stand still.—EX

Though many cigar makers are idle because of the high price of their product the cob pipe factories of Missouri are still merrily smoking. Said Rochefoucauld, the cynic: "Old age gives good advice when it is no longer able to set a bad example."

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